

## LEGAL NOTICE \* LEGAL NOTICE

### Little Duncan Road Management Project Public Scoping USDA Forest Service American River Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest Placer County, California

The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), Tahoe National Forest (TNF), in coordination with the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), is initiating public scoping for the proposed Little Duncan Road Management Project (proposed action) in Placer County. The proposed Project has been developed to support the Middle Fork American River Project (MFP) License Order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 8, 2020. As part of that order, PCWA is required to modify the Duncan Creek Diversion Dam. The diversion modifications have been previously analyzed and approved under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by the FERC. The Little Duncan Road provides access to the Duncan Creek Diversion Dam.

The Forest Service is proposing to close and lock (year-round) the gate on the Little Duncan Road at the north end of the bridge over Duncan Creek to provide for public health and safety, protect the newly modified diversion facilities and the associated infrastructure (e.g., control building, fish screen, and fish bypass system) on the south side of the creek, and protect the newly restored Duncan Creek channel. Closure of the gate will result in an approximately 1,000-foot section of the Little Duncan Road being closed to public motorized wheeled vehicle use and removal from the Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Map. Administrative use and access under a use permit would be allowed. The public will still be able to access the Diversion area and creek via foot. Access to the Duncan Creek Primitive Use Area recreation site would not be affected. The Project does not include any ground disturbing activities. A detailed description and maps of the proposed project are available for review online at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=60917](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=60917).

The Responsible Official intends to use an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential environmental impacts. As such, this project will be subject to 36 CFR 218 Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Parts A and B). Individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during any designated opportunity for public comment, including this 30-day scoping period, may file an objection.

The American River Ranger District is seeking public input on this proposal. If you have information that is specific to this proposed action that you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues (points of dispute, debate, or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed actions, please submit your comments to: Eli Ilano, Forest Supervisor, C/O Karen Walden, American River Ranger District, 22830 Foresthill Road, Foresthill, California, 95631; FAX (530) 367-2992. The office business hours for hand-delivered written comments are: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Thursday and Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt) or Word (.doc) to [comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-american-river@usda.gov](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-american-river@usda.gov) with the subject line "Little Duncan."

Please submit your comments within 30 days after publication of this legal notice. For additional information about the Little Duncan Road Management Project, please contact Karen Walden, NEPA Coordinator, email [karen.walden@usda.gov](mailto:karen.walden@usda.gov).

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